

IDEAS FOR  
GREAT DAYS OUT

# amazing days

IN LANCASHIRE

this winter



INCLUDES CHRISTMAS  
BUS TIMES

2019



The Red Rose County of Lancashire has an amazing array of attractions, great places to visit and fantastic fun things to do for the whole family. Rolling hills, picturesque villages, beautiful towns and bustling cities – we have it all.

But Lancashire becomes even more beautiful at Christmas. Wooden cabins, roaring fires, mulled wine and twinkling lights turn our streets into a wonderful winter wonderland. And here at Transdev, we can take you to many of its finest places in style on our amazing buses!

We've picked out the very best of what Lancashire has to offer this Christmas and New Year, and pulled them together for you into this handy guide.

The kids will love it – every day out in Lancashire can be an adventure with fun times guaranteed! Discover places they'll thank you for taking them to, where they can explore magical winter wonderlands, ride awesome steam trains and even meet Santa.

So, where's your amazing day going to be this Christmas?

## buses over Christmas & New Year

Let's face it. Cold turkey butties are pretty awesome, but so are the Boxing Day sales. Ditch the mountain of washing up for a day, get outdoors, take in some fresh air and walk off that Christmas pudding.

Whether you're hitting the sales or visiting the relatives, our amazing Boxing Day buses are back, and there are more than ever before.

Normal fares apply, and you can use your weekly, monthly and annual season passes as normal on Boxing Day.

We've included a summary of festive buses below and a closer look at your boxing day buses to the right.

Full times are available at [transdevbus.co.uk](https://transdevbus.co.uk)

Monday	23 December	buses running to Saturday times
Tuesday	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Saturday buses, with the last finishing around 7pm
Wednesday	<b>Christmas Day</b>	no buses will run
Thursday	<b>Boxing Day</b>	see right
Friday	27 December	buses running to Saturday times
Saturday	28 December	buses running to Saturday times
Sunday	29 December	buses running to Sunday times
Monday	30 December	buses running to Saturday times
Tuesday	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	Saturday buses, with the last finishing around 7pm
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Thursday	2 January 2020	buses return to normal

## Boxing Day buses

### 1 Blackburn | Darwen

every 30 mins between Blackburn and Darwen		
FIRST BUS	Blackburn to Darwen	0930
	Darwen to Blackburn	0958
LAST BUS	Blackburn to Darwen	1700
	Darwen to Blackburn	1728
	Blackburn Rovers are playing Birmingham City this Boxing Day at Ewood Park. Get there and back on the 1, with buses from Ewood to both Blackburn and Darwen after 5pm.	

### 6&7 Blackburn | Oswaldtwistle | Accrington

every 30 mins between Blackburn, Oswaldtwistle and Accrington		
FIRST BUS	6 Accrington to Oswaldtwistle and Blackburn	0959
	7 Blackburn to Oswaldtwistle and Accrington	1000
LAST BUS	6 Accrington to Oswaldtwistle and Blackburn	1659
	7 Blackburn to Oswaldtwistle and Accrington	1700

### Mainline M2 Burnley | Padiham

every 30 mins between Burnley and Padiham		
FIRST BUS	Burnley to Padiham	0935
	Padiham, Bridge Inn to Burnley	0955
LAST BUS	Burnley to Padiham	1735
	Padiham, Bridge Inn to Burnley	1755

### Mainline M5 Burnley | Nelson | Colne

every 30 mins between Burnley, Nelson and Colne		
FIRST BUS	Colne to Nelson and Burnley	0955
	Burnley to Nelson and Colne	1016
LAST BUS	Colne to Nelson and Burnley	1655
	Burnley to Nelson and Colne	1716

Additional buses from Nelson to Colne will leave Nelson at **0937** and **1007**.  
The last buses from Colne will finish at Nelson leaving Colne at **1725** and **1755**.

### witchway Burnley | Manchester

every 30 mins between Burnley and Manchester		
FIRST BUS	Burnley to Manchester	0905
	Manchester to Burnley	1030
LAST BUS	Burnley to Manchester	1705
	Burnley to Rawtenstall	1735
	Manchester to Burnley	1830

### 468 Bury | Fairfield Hospital | Rochdale

every hour between Bury, Fairfield Hospital and Rochdale		
FIRST BUS	Bury to Fairfield Hospital and Rochdale	0932
	Rochdale to Fairfield Hospital and Bury	0920
LAST BUS	Bury to Fairfield Hospital and Rochdale	1732
	Rochdale to Fairfield Hospital and Bury	1620

### Tottingonline Bury | Tottington

every hour between Bury and Tottington		
FIRST BUS	Bury to Tottington	1003
	Tottington to Bury	1016
LAST BUS	Bury to Tottington	1703
	Tottington to Bury	1716

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# M

## ANCHESTER

Red Express Witchway

Energetic, exciting, diverse and bursting with character, Manchester is a fantastic city that has it all. With shops to die for and then some, world-class art and culture to entertain and seduce you, and things to see and do that will fill a day or evening far too quickly, it's a city that delivers surprise and delight in equal measures, and begs you to return.

An eclectic range of cafés, bars and restaurants peppers the city streets, anything from a pit stop cappuccino between shops to some decidedly classy joints, but everywhere with that unmistakably warm Mancunian welcome.

Christmas brings the award-winning markets to the city – officially the best in the UK! Grab some of the most amazing food, drinks, gifts and more right in the heart of this buzzing city.



# B

## BLACKBURN

1 6 7 24  
Hotline Irwell Line

Come on, admit it. You haven't even thought about Christmas shopping yet, have you? Shops are open late at The Mall every Thursday in the run up to Christmas. With the bus station is right on its doorstep it couldn't be easier to find fantastic gifts.

While you're here, visit the beautiful Cathedral – they've got some Christmas events planned too - or take in a show at the grade II listed King George's Hall or the Thwaites Empire Theatre.

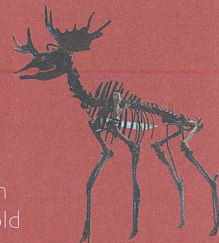
As one of the first purpose built free museums to open outside of London in 1874, Blackburn Museum houses a rich and fascinating collection covering fine art, Egyptology, coins, manuscripts, natural history & social history.

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## RESTON

Hotline

Lancashire's newest city with a rich history, Preston is famous for its Guild celebrations every 20 years – but you don't have to wait for the next one! Take Hotline to the iconic Preston Bus Station and find family fun on the Flag Market with its events and bargains or uncover a treasure trove in the Harris Museum and Art Gallery – don't miss the 13,500-year-old Poulton Elk!



If you love shopping but hate wrapping – head over to the St George's Shopping centre where the amazing guys at Galloway's Society for the Blind will wrap your gifts for you! They're there every day from 12 December and you just need to bob a donation in their fundraising pot to say thanks.



# C

## LITHEREOE

Mainline Valley Line

The market town of Clitheroe set in the glorious Ribble Valley, has something for everyone. Clitheroe Castle, said to be the smallest Norman castle in England, is home to a fascinating museum and 16 acres of grounds.



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## KIPTON

Witchway

Just 'over the border' in North Yorkshire yet easy to reach on Witchway, Skipton's famous four days a week market has been voted the UK's best. The Christmas Markets on 1 and 8 December are award winning too, so it'd be daft to miss out!

Try a canal boat trip, and don't miss Skipton Castle – one of the most complete medieval castles in England at over 900 years old.



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## URY

480 Irwell Line  
Trax Tottington Line

Bury's world-famous market is a top attraction all year round, but when it comes to Christmas, the market well and truly comes alive. Stock up on pressies and fresh food for the holiday season – you won't find a greater selection anywhere else.



And when you're done shopping, treat yourself to one of Bury Market's famous black puddings!

EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY

Get all steamed up at the East Lancashire Railway and its Transport Museum – and don't miss the statue of much-loved comedy star Victoria Wood, who was born here.



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## URNLEY

2 9 8 Hotline  
Irwell Line Mainline Witchway

Standing proud amid breath-taking Pennine countryside, Burnley is a thriving market town. The iconic Singing Ringing Tree high above the town is named in the world's top ten pieces of 'sound art' and is a must-see wind-powered wonder!

Soak up some culture at Burnley Mechanics, the Grade II listed theatre in the centre of town opened in 1855 by Sir Charles Towneley.

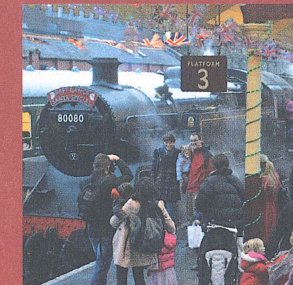
Speaking of the Towneley family why not visit Towneley Hall, their home for over 600 years and enjoy a historic house, museum and gallery all in one. They've got carol concerts, Christmas craft fairs and more all through the season for all to enjoy.



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## AWTENSTALL

464 7 8  
Irwell Line Witchway



The most northern point of the East Lancashire Railway is historic Rawtenstall, a typical Lancashire town boasting cobbled streets, stone architecture and dramatic landscapes.

Plus there's great family fun to be had at Ski Rossendale & the Whitaker Museum as well, which has a whole host of Christmas events on

between 21 Nov and 23 Dec from festive craft workshops and special Christmas art exhibitions to festive menus and visits from Santa!



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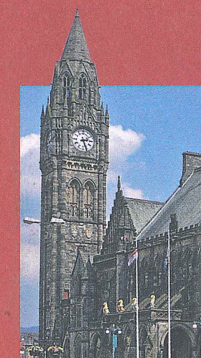
## CHDALE

Lakeline  
Trax 464

The original Northern powerhouse of the Industrial Revolution, Rochdale has one of the country's finest Victorian town halls.

Discover Rochdale's past as the birthplace of the Co-op at the Rochdale Pioneers Museum, it's the perfect place to see how your ancestors did their shopping.

There's lots of family fun to be had at the Touchstones Rochdale arts and heritage centre. Highlights of the collection include a Victorian painting by Charles Burton Barber best known due to its reproduction on biscuit tins and jigsaws.



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## OLLINGWORTH LAKE

Lakeline

Take Lakeline 458 to Hollingworth Lake, the place for family fun – adventure-seekers can try sailing, kayaking, powerboating or even windsurfing!

In Victorian times the lake was known as the The Weighvers' Seaport. Now once again visitors can enjoy many outdoor attractions and an excellent Visitor Centre. Spanning 118 acres with the dramatic backdrop of Blackstone Edge, the lake is one of the most popular days out in the area.



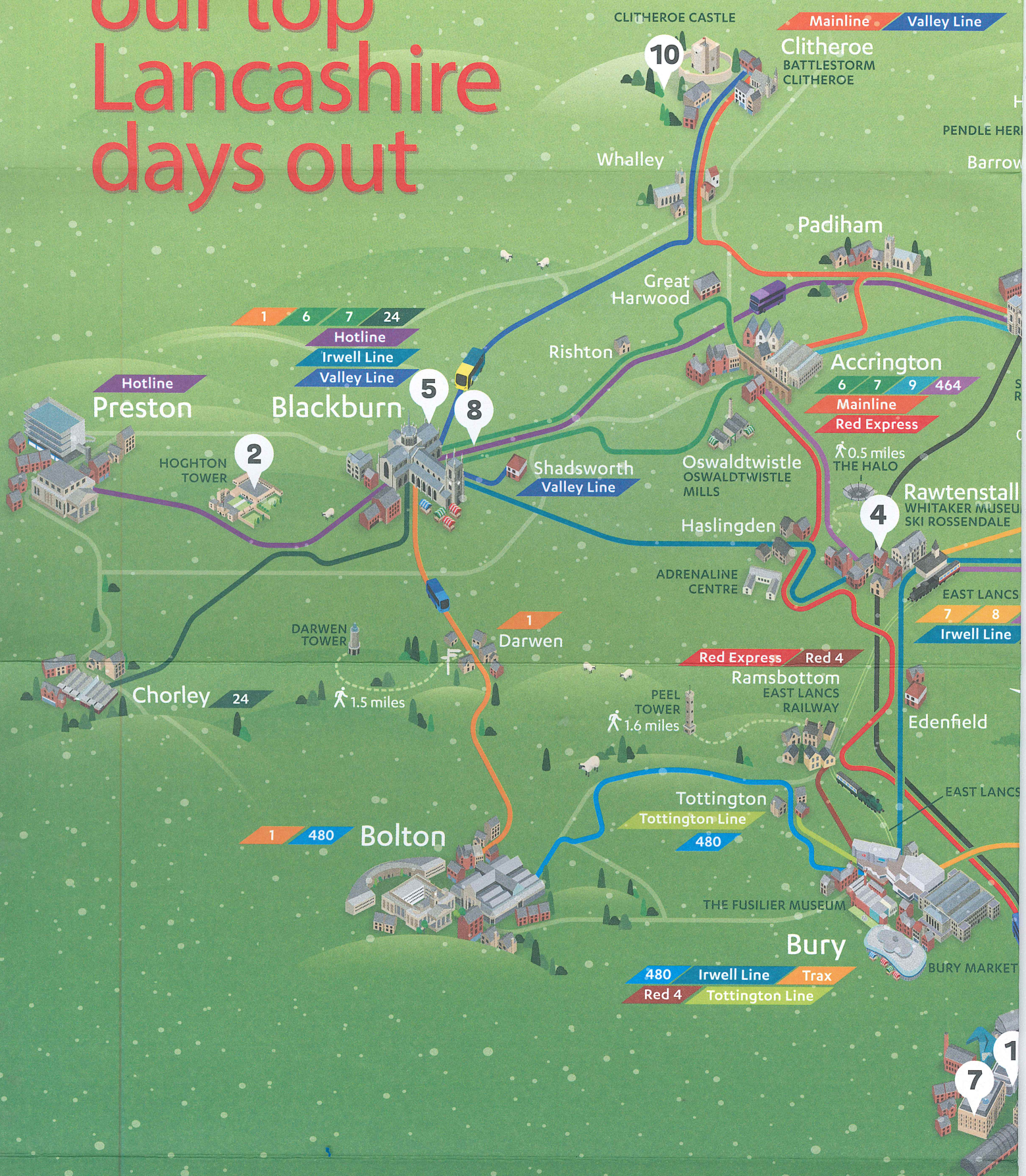


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# our top Lancashire days out



## MANCHESTER

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Christmas's coolest attraction also brings games and entertainment, a stage hosting a variety of talented performers each day, children's craft, market stalls, live ice sculpting and Ice Village tours.

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## HOGHTON

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## THORNTON-IN-CUMBRIA

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### A Christmas Adventure at Thornton Hall

Take a sleigh ride to Thornton Hall for a true Christmas experience. Crammed full of festive fun, the hall is divided into themed areas and brand new displays as part of your journey. Take to the deer park and meet Santa in his grotto.

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#### SIGHTSEEING MANCHESTER

Buy one, get one free

#### ARCADE CLUB, BURY

20% off entry

#### HOGHTON TOWER

10% off your tea room bill,  
Monday to Thursday

#### CLITHEROE CASTLE

10% off entry for adults, concessions  
and kids go free

#### TOWNELEY HALL, BURNLEY

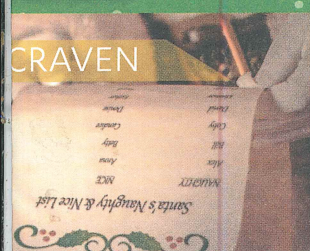
Half price entry

#### CAWTHORPE HALL, PADIHAM

10% off entry

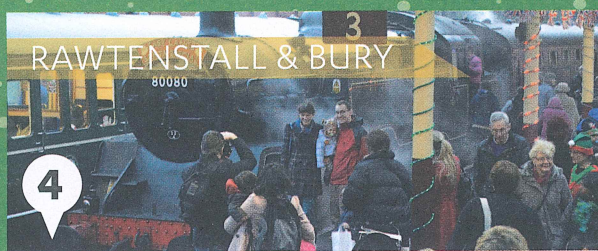
#### MR FITZPATRICKS, RAWTENSTALL

15% off a 464 milkshake



#### Adventure at Thornton Hall Country Park

At Thornton Hall Country Park this  
Christmas is Adventure!  
You'll find exciting, new  
festive characters to visit  
and a ride on the Santa Express  
with Santa himself in the magical



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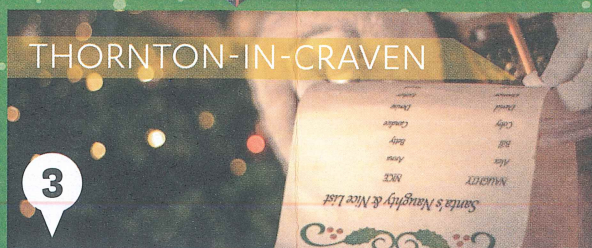
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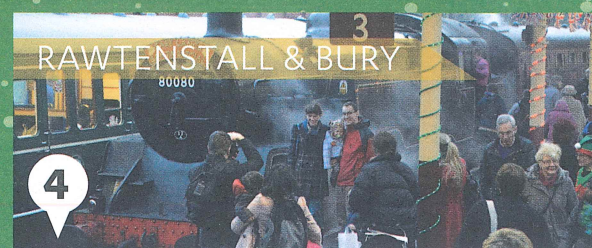
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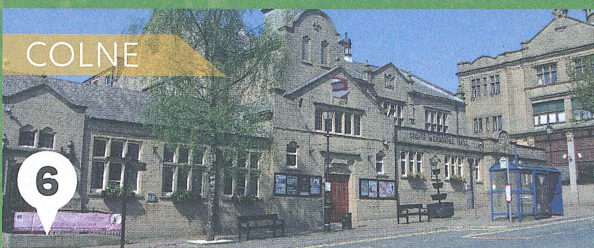
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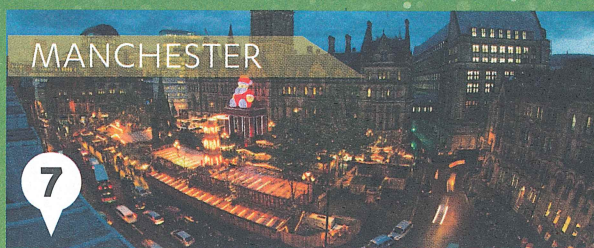
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## Aladdin at The Muni

It's going to be Colne's biggest ever pantomime - a brand new magical version of 'Aladdin'! With dates from 3 to 19 Jan, make sure your New Year is as good as your Christmas.

With stunning scenery and lots of special effects, amazing costumes, fantastic music, hilarious jokes and lots of audience participation, come and find out what happens when Colne brings a local touch to this Christmas classic.

Get there on: **Mainline**



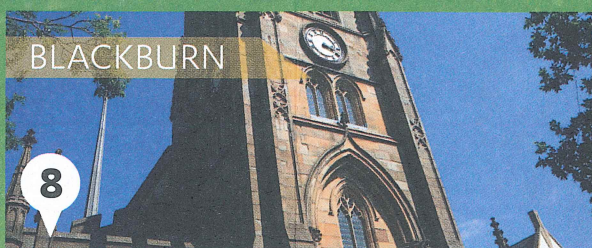
MANCHESTER

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## Christmas markets

Manchester's award-winning Christmas markets are officially the best in the UK - and they return this winter with a mouth-watering selection of international food, drinks and delicately crafted Yuletide gifts in the heart of this buzzing city. You'll find them in Cathedral Gardens, Market Street, Exchange Square, Corn Exchange, Exchange Street, New Cathedral Street, King Street, St. Ann's Square and Brazennose Street.

Get there on: **Witchway** **Red Express**



BLACKBURN

8

## Christmas spectacular at Blackburn Cathedral

The annual carol concert takes place on 8 December, featuring the choirs of Blackburn Cathedral and local schools, with the Northern Chamber Orchestra conducted by Samuel Hudson. This year's concert features On Christmas Night by Bob Chilcott – a musical celebration of the Christmas Story told in eight movements.

Get there on: **Hotline** **1** **24**  
**Irwell Line** **Valley Line**



ROCHDALE

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## Santa's Grotto at Rochdale Town Hall

What could make Christmas more magical than meeting Santa Claus himself? Between 6 and 12 December you can book a special meeting with the big guy! Walk through a wintery wonderland before entering Santa's office previously known as the Mayor's Parlour. Be on your best behaviour as the chief elf checks the naughty and nice list! And, if you bring your Christmas wish list, there's a special postbox so you can send it off to the North Pole.

Get there on: **464** **Trax** **Lakeline**  
and our other buses in and around Rochdale



CLITHEROE

10

## Clitheroe Christmas Markets

Clitheroe's fantastic Christmas markets return for another year, running on 7, 14 and 21 December. Truly a great place to explore with friends or family, there's stalls selling Christmas gifts, decorations and festive food, alongside a jam-packed programme of entertainment including local musicians and brass bands. It's perfect for anyone leaving the Christmas shopping 'til the last minute with that 21 December market!

Get there on: **Mainline** **Valley Line**





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